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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006, claims 1-15 are pending. Claim 4-8 are allowed, and claims 1-2 and 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) on the basis of Sullivan et al. ("Sullivan"). Applicant is submitting herewith arguments that are believed to distinguish Sullivan from the claimed invention.

Remarks

The examiner has rejected applicant's claims 1-3 and 9-15 as anticipated by Sullivan. Sullivan describes a system for distributing information to users (the recipient) based upon the recipient's preferences. (Col. 3, lines 47-55). A neural network is employed to "learn" the recipient's preferences.

The neural network selects one or more objects (a destination or location where information can be stored or delivered, see Col. 4 lines 50-56, such as a user address) to receive information from a plurality of information sources. As used in Sullivan, a recipient is someone